

FATALITY MANAGEMENT DNA COLLECTION SPECIALIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) DNA Collection Specialist oversees the DNA collection function at the temporary morgue and serves as lead for the DNA station
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The FM DNA Collection Specialist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oversees the DNA collection function at the temporary morgue and serves as Lead for the DNA station 2. Assists in the victim identification process by collecting biological material from human remains for DNA testing 3. Coordinates with the Morgue Forensic Team Leader, Medical Examiner, or Coroner to determine biological material sampling requirements and the appropriate methods for collecting and transferring specimens to the DNA laboratory, using chain of custody protocols as the Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) sets forth 4. Selects best specimen from human remains and fragmentary human remains 5. Transfers biological specimens to DNA laboratory 6. Reports directly to the FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Bachelor's degree in forensic science, biological/health science, or related degree (such as law enforcement) required for a DNA Criminalist	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Annual Bloodborne Pathogens 	Not Specified

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EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency</p> <p>Experience: Two years of experience as a Criminalist or Investigator providing forensic DNA services to a medical examiner office, coroner system, forensic laboratory, or law enforcement agency</p>	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Performs duties with exposure to whole and fragmented human remains in various stages of decomposition 3. Performs duties with sights and smells associated with death, including seeing children as victims, grieving survivors, and family members of missing victims 4. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America 	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	A training certificate or other documentation related to forensic science, health science, or law enforcement, sufficient to perform the duties of this position	Not Specified



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NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team Leader
4. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
5. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
6. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
7. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protections, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted